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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1112-2, NEW LAUNCH GROUP R
TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

A NEW LAUNCH GROUP, CONSISTING OF FIVE
LAUNCH SITES AND A POSSIBLE CONTROL SITE
OR SUPPORT AREA, WAS IDENTIFIED UNDER
CONSTRUCTION AT THE TYURATAM MISSILE TEST
CENTER.

2. LOCATION:

IN THE EAST-CENTRAL PORTION OF THE
RANGEHEAD, IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF
LAUNCH GROUPS I AND Q.

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3. REMARKS:

THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF LAUNCH GROUP
R IN DECEMBER 1969. IN APRIL 1970, PROBABLE
TEST CORING FOR FOUR OF THE SITES WAS VISIBLE,
BUT IDENTIFIABLE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
WAS NOT APPARENT UNTIL THIS MISSION. THE

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LAUNCH SITES ARE OF AN UNDETERMINED TYPE.

4. NEGATION DATE:

LAUNCH SITES - - [REDACTED]

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POSSIBLE CONTROL SITE R2 -- [REDACTED]

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5. MISSION READOUT: AT THE TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, A NEW LAUNCH GROUP, DESIGNATED R, WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE EAST-CENTRAL PORTION OF THE RANGEHEAD, IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF LAUNCH GROUPS I AND Q. THE NEW LAUNCH GROUP CONSISTS OF FIVE LAUNCH SITES OF AN UNDETERMINED TYPE (DESIGNATED R1 AND R3-R6) AND A POSSIBLE CONTROL SITE OR SUPPORT AREA (R2). THE LAUNCH SITES WERE ALL IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. (THE GRAPHIC DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ENLARGEMENT OF SITE R6.)

LAUNCH SITES R1 AND R4 HAVE SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS; SITES R3, R5, AND R6 HAVE ONLY PRELIMINARY TEST CORINGS OR SURVEY ACTIVITY.

PROBABLE TEST CORINGS FOR SITES R1 AND R3-R5 WAS VISIBLE IN APRIL 1970. (THE AREA WHERE SITE R6 IS LOCATED WAS NOT OBSERVED AT THAT TIME.) HOWEVER, NO IDENTIFIABLE CONSTRUCTION WAS APPARENT UNTIL THIS MISSION. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF THIS LAUNCH GROUP IN DECEMBER 1969.

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ENLARGEMENTS: OVERALL - 7X; INSETS - 50X

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TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR
45-59N 63-24E**

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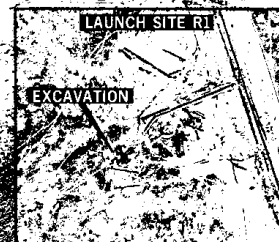
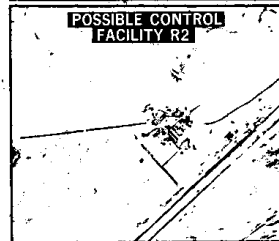
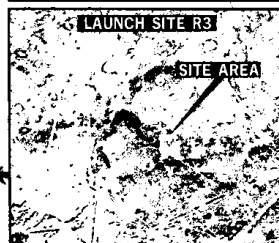
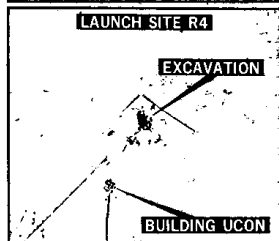
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